



Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

Determination and Web General Licenses 55, 56, and 57

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of Determination and Web General Licenses.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing a determination issued pursuant to an April 6, 2022 Executive order, which was previously made available on OFAC's website. OFAC is also publishing three general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GLs 55, 56, and 57, each of which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: The determination issued pursuant to section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071 was issued on November 21, 2022. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

Background

On April 6, 2022, the President, invoking the authority of, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*) (IEEPA), issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14071, "Prohibiting New Investment in and Certain Services to the Russian Federation in Response to Continued Russian Federation Aggression" (87 FR 20999, April 8, 2022). Among other prohibitions, section 1(a)(ii) of E.O. 14071 prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any category of services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to any person located in the Russian Federation.

On November 21, 2022, the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, issued a category of services determination pursuant to E.O. 14071, "Prohibitions on Certain Services as They Relate to the Maritime Transport of Crude Oil of Russian Federation Origin." OFAC made this determination available on its website (www.treas.gov/ofac) on November 22, 2022. The determination takes effect at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on December 5, 2022. The text of this determination is provided below.

Also on November 22, 2022, OFAC issued GLs 55, 56, and 57 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. At the time of their issuance, OFAC made GLs 55, 56, and 57 available on its website (www.treas.gov/ofac). The text of these GLs is provided below.

Determination Pursuant to Section (1)(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071

Prohibitions on Certain Services as They Relate to the Maritime Transport of Crude Oil of Russian Federation Origin

Pursuant to sections 1(a)(ii), 1(b), and 5 of Executive Order (E.O.) 14071 of April 6, 2022 (“Prohibiting New Investment in and Certain Services to the Russian Federation in Response to Continued Russian Federation Aggression”), the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, hereby determines that the prohibitions in section 1(a)(ii) of E.O. 14071 shall apply to the following categories of services as they relate to the maritime transport of crude oil of Russian Federation origin (collectively, the “Covered Services”):

- Trading/commodities brokering;
- Financing;
- Shipping;
- Insurance, including reinsurance and protection and indemnity;
- Flagging; and
- Customs brokering.

As a result, the following activities are prohibited, except to the extent provided by law, or unless licensed or otherwise authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control:

the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any of the Covered Services to any person located in the Russian Federation.

Notwithstanding that prohibition, the Covered Services are hereby authorized when the price of the crude oil of Russian Federation origin does not exceed the relevant

price cap determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State.

The prohibitions on Covered Services in this determination shall take effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on December 5, 2022. This determination excludes Covered Services with respect to crude oil of Russian Federation origin when such crude oil is loaded onto a vessel at the port of loading prior to 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on December 5, 2022, and unloaded at the port of destination prior to 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time on January 19, 2023.

This determination does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

Janet L. Yellen

November 21, 2022

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 55

Authorizing Certain Services Related to Sakhalin-2

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the determination of November 21, 2022 made pursuant to section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071 (“Prohibitions on Certain Services as They Relate to the Maritime Transport of Crude Oil of Russian Federation Origin”) related to the maritime transport of crude oil originating from the Sakhalin-2 project (“Sakhalin-2 byproduct”)

are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, September 30, 2023, provided that the Sakalin-2 byproduct is solely for importation into Japan.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki
Director
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Dated: November 22, 2022

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 56

Authorizing Certain Services with Respect to the European Union

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the determination of November 21, 2022 made pursuant to section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071 (“Prohibitions on Certain Services as They Relate to the Maritime Transport of Crude Oil of Russian Federation Origin”) related to the importation of crude oil into the Republic of Bulgaria, the Republic of Croatia, or landlocked European Union Member States as described in Council Regulation (EU) 2022/879 of June 3, 2022, are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 57

Authorizing Certain Services Related to Vessel Emergencies

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the determination of November 21, 2022 made pursuant to section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071 (“Prohibitions on Certain Services as They Relate to the Maritime Transport of Crude Oil of Russian Federation Origin”) that are ordinarily incident and necessary to addressing vessel emergencies related to the health or safety of the crew or environmental protection, including safe docking or anchoring, emergency repairs, or salvage operations, are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions related to the offloading of crude oil of Russian Federation origin, except for the offloading of crude oil that is ordinarily incident and necessary to address vessel emergencies authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license;

(2) Any transactions related to the sale of crude oil of Russian Federation origin;
or

(2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

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Dated: November 22, 2022

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